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PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY WALKS FOR THE WITNESS PROJECT OF LONG ISLAND



Charvon Davis-Pierce, Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, Warren Hart, Councilwoman Jacqueline A. Gordon, Town of Babylon Clerk Carole A. Quirk and Margaret "Peg" Davis kick off the 5-mile walk.

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Amityville, NY – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory joined The Witness Project of Long Island Saturday for their 11th Annual 5-mile walk from Wyandanch to Babylon Town Hall to raise breast cancer awareness.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 1 in 8 women in the United States will develop breast cancer over a lifetime. The Witness Project is a community-based program sponsored by the National Institute of Health designed to ‘increase awareness, knowledge, and motivation, thereby increasing screening and early-detection behaviors among African American women and ultimately reducing mortality and morbidity from breast and cervical cancer among underserved African American women.’

“I am proud to support the dedicated members of The Witness Project in the fight against breast cancer,” said Presiding Officer Gregory. “Their efforts truly help save lives.”

The Witness Project of Long Island is one of several chapters nationwide committed to raising breast cancer awareness and increasing early detection to save lives. This year’s walk, chaired by Charvon Davis-Pierce, was dedicated to the late Linda Hart, founder of the Sisters of Greater Long Island. Linda’s husband, Warren Hart, cut the ribbon to kick off the walk.

Linda Hart survived breast cancer for 19 years until she tragically succumbed to the disease in 2013. Her courageous battle against breast cancer led to her involvement in an Oscar-nominated HBO documentary, “Mondays at Racine.” Racine is a salon in Islip where owners, sisters Rachel DeMolfetto and Cynthia Sansone, have been compassionately providing their services to Linda Hart and other breast cancer patients free of charge for several years following the loss of their own mother to breast cancer.

The Witness Project provides comprehensive services, including community outreach, information and support. For more information, contact the Town of Babylon Department of Human Services at 631-422-7638.

Pictured from left: Charvon Davis-Pierce, Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory, Warren Hart, Councilwoman Jacqueline A. Gordon, Town of Babylon Clerk Carole A. Quirk and Margaret “Peg” Davis.

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